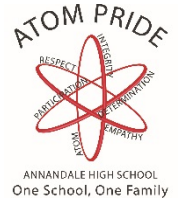




ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Sixteen-Time Virginia Honor Band



AHS Bands Weekly Update – 10/30/2017

Hello Annandale Band Families,

Director's notes:

I am so proud of the Marching Atoms for this past weekend. They had a great performance of the show and were also great hosts to the eighth grade students who attended our Rising Atom Night on Friday. On Saturday, they did a great job in the Annandale Fall Parade as well as the Chapel Square Halloween Parade. They represented AHS with pride and class. The Chapel Square parade and performance also led to a sizeable donation to the AHSBB!

Kudos

Congratulations to Eddie A. who completed his Eagle Scout project, a key step along the path to the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Eddie led a team of people who re-gripped 150 golf clubs for the Wounded Warrior program at Fort Belvoir that is led by Mr. Lauler, AHSBB alumnus and Pit Chief emeritus.

Music Checks

This week's music check for the Marching will be held on Thursday. The music check includes *Atoms Fanfare* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.

VBODA State Marching Assessment

This Saturday, November 4th, the Marching Atoms will have our final performance of the season at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Marching Band Assessment. The schedule for the day is attached. This is our summative assessment for the season and it is critical that we have everyone in attendance. Parents, please attend this performance! The students perform better when there is a big crowd cheering them on. We perform at Liberty High School in Bealeton at 12 noon.

AHSBB Blast

Be sure to read the Booster Blast that comes out every Wednesday from Mrs. White. There is a lot of important information in it related to AHSBB events like the citrus and poinsettia sale, this week's meeting, and one of the events we do to remember Mary Read. Check it out every week!

All-District Band Auditions

Fill out this form: <http://tinyurl.com/AHSadb2017> and turn in the \$10 fee by Friday, November 10th. All-District Band auditions are on December 9th at West Potomac H.S. All-District Band event is February 1-3 at Hayfield S.S. December 9th is an ACT day, but the ACT is being given at WPHS. If you plan to take the ACT and want to audition, I recommend taking the ACT at WPHS. Students who are members of Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are *strongly* encouraged to audition!

Marching Band Photos

Visit <http://paul.photostockplus.com/album/2679111/> to purchase portraits of your Marching Atom.

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Social Media

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 481 "likes" on our Facebook page and 229 followers on Twitter (@AHSatomsBand)! Have you followed us yet? Links to our pages are on our website, www.annandalebands.org "Like" us today!

This week's schedule:

Monday – Off – Band room closed after school

Tuesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:45 – 6:45 p.m.

- AHSBB general meeting – 7 p.m. in band room

Thursday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Friday – End of the quarter; two hour early release from school

- NO SUPERVISION FROM 12:55 – 5 p.m. STUDENTS MUST LEAVE AHS.
- Home Football vs. T.C. Williams H.S. – *Senior Night*
- Seniors report to Clausen Hall at 4:30
- Underclassmen report to band room at 5 p.m. for pizza

Saturday – VBODA State Marching Band Assessment – schedule attached.

On the horizon:

November 10 – All-district band audition intent and money due

November 18 – Marching Atoms end-of-season bowling party

December 7 – Winter Band Concert

December 9 – All-District Band Auditions @ West Potomac H.S.

Thank you, always, for your support.

Go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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MARCHING ATOMS

ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND

VBODA STATE ASSESSMENT – LIBERTY H.S., BEALETON, VA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

- 08:00 AM STAFF, EQUIPMENT CREW, FRONT ENSEMBLE, AND LEADERSHIP REPORT
-LOAD EQUIPMENT AT SHED
- 08:15 AM **BAND REPORT – BAND ROOM**
[DRESS: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, BLACK MARCHING SHOES. SUPPLEMENT WITH WARMER AHS SPIRIT WEAR IF WARRANTED BY COOLER WEATHER]
-GUARD ARRIVE WITH HAIR DONE
- 08:25 SENIOR SPEECHES – BAND ROOM
- 08:45 LOAD BUSES
[TALL BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK MARCHING SHOES REQUIRED TO BOARD BUS
BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, AHS SPIRIT WEAR ON BUSES]
- 09:00 DEPART AHS FOR LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
- 10:15 ARRIVE AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
-UNLOAD EQUIPMENT
-USE RESTROOM
-GET DRESSED BY 10:40! [UNIFORM CHECKLIST: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, JACKET, TROUSERS, SHAKO, GLOVES, TALL BLACK SOCKS]
- 10:45 REPORT TO PRE-WARM UP
-STRETCH OUT, BREATHING EXERCISES
- 11:15 OFFICIAL WARM UP
- 12:00 PERFORM AT VBODA STATE MARCHING BAND ASSESSMENT!
-STAY AT STADIUM TO WATCH FINAL BAND IN OUR BLOCK AND AWAIT RATING
- 12:35 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RATINGS
- 12:50 LOAD EQUIPMENT
-CHANGE INTO AHS SPIRIT WEAR
-BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS OR PACK ANY ADDITIONAL SNACKS YOU'D LIKE
- 13:00 FREE TIME TO WATCH BANDS AND VISIT CONCESSIONS
- 14:00 DEPART FOR ANNANDALE
- 15:15 PM(APPROX.) ARRIVE AT AHS
-PUT AWAY INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS
- 15:30 PM(APPROX.) DISMISSAL